



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK AND
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

COURSE CODE: SWK 1103-1

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL
WORK**

DATE: 30/1/2024

TIME: 1430-1630 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- *Answer question ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO questions.*
- *Question one carries 20 Marks*
- *All other questions carry 15 Marks*

QUESTION ONE

- a) You are a social worker from the UK (United Kingdom) participating in an international collaboration to address child labor in a developing country. The local culture has distinct norms and practices that influence child labor patterns. However, these practices also contribute to child exploitation and hinder education. Discuss how you would approach this case with cultural sensitivity. How would you engage with local communities, navigate cultural differences, and design interventions that align with both international standards and local values? **(10 Marks)**
- b) Provide examples of situations that could present ethical challenges and discuss how social workers can navigate these dilemmas while upholding professional standards. **(5 Marks)**
- c) Describe the guiding principles of social work that shape professional interactions with clients in diverse settings. **(5 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Describe the principles underlying Elizabethan poor laws and their significance in the historical context of social work. How did these laws shape early concepts of social welfare and assistance? **(10 Marks)**
- c) Explore how factors such as technological advancements, globalization, and changing societal needs are influencing the way social work is practiced today. **(5 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Critically examine the statement that "Social work assists individuals in adjusting to the institutional framework of society and attempts to modify the institutional framework itself." Discuss the four major functions of social work as they relate to this statement. **(8 Marks)**
- b) In a technologically advanced urban setting, you are working as a social worker specializing in adolescent mental health. You encounter a 15-year-old client who is experiencing symptoms of anxiety and depression. The adolescent is highly proficient in using technology and expresses interest in receiving counseling through online platforms and mobile applications. Discuss the advantages and challenges of integrating technology into mental health support for adolescents. How would you ensure the ethical use of

technology, maintain the therapeutic relationship, and monitor the effectiveness of interventions in this digital context?

(7 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR:

A social worker encounters a group of homeless youth in a city center. These adolescents are struggling with various challenges, including lack of shelter, substance abuse, and limited access to education and healthcare. As a social worker, outline a comprehensive intervention plan that addresses their immediate needs while also advocating for systemic changes to improve services for homeless youth. How would you leverage community resources, engage with local authorities, and collaborate with organizations to create sustainable solutions for this vulnerable population? **(15 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

You are a social worker providing counseling to a 17-year-old adolescent who has recently disclosed experiencing emotional and physical abuse within their family. The adolescent expresses a desire to keep the disclosure confidential, fearing that involving authorities might worsen the situation. However, you are aware of your ethical duty to report cases of abuse involving minors. Discuss the ethical considerations and dilemmas you face in this scenario. How would you navigate the balance between maintaining the client's trust and fulfilling your responsibility to ensure their safety and well-being?

(15 Marks)

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